

MINUTES OF MEETING  
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD  
MAY 5-6, 2015  
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
2740 WEST MASON STREET  
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN 54307-9042

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**Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Phil Baranowski, Mary Cuene, Becky Lezvow, Drew Petersen, John Schwantes, S. Mark Tyler, Sharon Wendt

Members Absent: Stan Davis, Terrance McGowan, Reggie Newson, Susan Schaumburg, José Vásquez, Stephen Willett

System Office Staff Present: Kathleen Cullen, Morna Foy, Emily Gleason, Layla Merrifield, Nancy Merrill, Willa Panzer, Dan Scanlon, Sandra Schmit, Conor Smyth, Jim Zylstra

District/Others Present: Russell Moyer, Paul Gabriel, District Boards Association; Tom Eckert, Blackhawk Technical College; Bruce Barker, Chippewa Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Jack Daniels, Madison Area Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Kenneth Urban, Nicolet Areal Technical College; Carla Hedtke, Pamela Phillips, Sandy Ryczkowski, Jeff Rafn, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Duane Ford, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College; Kaylen Betzig, Waukesha County Area Technical College; Lee Rasch, Western Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Joseph Dolzani

Board President Petersen called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Emily Gleason read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

**ITEM A: Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2015 Meeting**

**It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Baranowski that the March 24, 2015, Board minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM B: Report of the Board President**

Board President Petersen reported that budget discussions have been the principal focus of System staff. Advocacy efforts have been impactful, resulting in strong outcomes for the three areas of concern: the tuition freeze proposal has been removed, outcomes based funding has been

capped at 30 percent, and action on the shared services pilot has been deferred until 2016. Board President Petersen encouraged college leaders to thank their legislators for being open-minded and focused on student success.

### **ITEM C: Report of the System President**

President Foy highlighted recent happenings around the state. The annual WTCS State Ambassador banquet took place on April 15. Board members Baranowski, Lezvow and Barry were in attendance. A panel of four Ambassadors will engage the Board on Strategic Directions at Wednesday's session.

President Foy recently addressed SkillsUSA participants in state-level competition. Nearly 2,000 middle and high school and postsecondary students participated in the competitive event, which focuses on performing timed tasks related to career and technical education in career fields like construction, manufacturing and barber/cosmetology.

A delegation of China's education secretary and technical college leaders visited Madison College in April to gain insight into the structure, operations and success of Wisconsin's technical colleges. President Foy joined Lieutenant Governor Kleefisch and Madison College President Jack Daniels in addressing the group.

WTCS is featured in the third annual issue of *WisconsinBiz* magazine, published by BizTimes Media out of Waukesha. The magazine is a site selection tool to promote the economic development work in Wisconsin.

President Foy thanked Northcentral Technical College President Lori Weyers for hosting the successful Ag Day event on March 25 at the college's Agriculture Center of Excellence. President Foy stated that Board Member Lezvow was in attendance and asked her to comment. Ms. Lezvow noted that the event was well attended and it was an outstanding spotlight on the agriculture industry.

President Foy reported that the WTCS Fire Service was awarded a competitive federal grant and is able to purchase six new self-contained breathing units for each college with the \$460,000 award.

President Foy congratulated Joseph Dolzani on his reelection as the Wisconsin Student Government President. Mr. Dolzani is a student at Western Technical College and UW-Stout. He played an important role in the budget process with respect to a proposed tuition freeze.

President Foy addressed faculty and staff at Western Technical College at a professional development session on April 29 focused on career pathway development. President Foy thanked President Lee Rasch and his team at Western for providing the tools to advance career pathways.

The technical colleges continue to garner national attention. Northcentral Technical College and Greenheck Fan Corporation were recognized as one of four finalists at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) annual convention for the 2015 Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently announced the nominees for the ACT College and Career Readiness Awards. OEM Fabricators is a nominee for the Workplace Success Award and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College is the nominee for the Career Preparedness Award. Milwaukee Area Technical College is the recipient of a \$550,000 *Driving Dreams* grant from Great Lakes Higher Education. The goal of the program is to increase graduation rates and the path to college for 105 students at Milwaukee high schools by offering dual credit instruction and tutoring in math and English.

Fox Valley Technical College is recognizing the *Technical College Effect* protective services series on May 6 at the grand opening of the Public Safety Training Center. It is a reminder of the technical college effect on the fabric of our communities.

#### **ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association Report**

Russ Moyer, President of the Association, reported that the spring meeting was held at Mid-State Technical College and included recognition for outgoing Executive Director Paul Gabriel and an in-service that focused on demographics in Wisconsin. Members elected Mona Mathews as President, Carla Hedtke as Vice President and Pauline Jaske as Secretary/Treasurer. The Board considered finalists for the Executive Director position and selected WTCS Policy Advisor Layla Merrifield.

Mr. Moyer announced that this is his final report as Association President and thanked board members and System staff for inviting Association participation at board meetings and in the budget development process.

Executive Director Paul Gabriel reported that he accepted the position as Executive Director of the WTCS Foundation and this is his final report as Executive Director. Mr. Gabriel thanked the Board and President Foy for their work and expressed his appreciation for the Wisconsin Technical College System.

Board President Petersen recognized Mr. Gabriel for his work accomplishments and presented him with a resolution of appreciation.

#### **ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association Report**

Tom Eckert, Chair of the Association and President of Blackhawk Technical College, shared the Association's recent activities. The presidents are looking toward the future and are working on advancing goals and sharing best practices. Topics of interest include campus security, cyber-risks and health sharing.

President Eckert reported that this is his final report as Association Chair. The 2015-16 Chair is Sue Budjac, President of Mid-State Technical College.

**ITEM F: 2015-16 Tuition Recommendation**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra provided the Board with an overview of the tuition recommendation process and historical tuition trends. The Board typically sets tuition each March, but due to uncertainty in the State budget process, the Board is instead taking action at this meeting, setting tuition for the fall semester of 2015-16. Mr. Zylstra reported that board members Baranowski, Lezvow, Schaumburg and Tyler served on the tuition workgroup and thanked them for their service.

The workgroup considered many factors impacting the technical colleges and forwarded a recommendation for a 2 percent increase in tuition for both occupational programs and Collegiate Transfer to President Foy, the smallest recommended increase since the colleges began charging tuition. Mr. Zylstra asked workgroup members to comment.

Board Member Baranowski stated that he appreciated the information System staff generated and thanked the technical college presidents for forwarding reasonable recommendations. Board members understand that the technical colleges depend on an increase in funds for initiatives and projects. Board Member Tyler agreed and added that the recommendation is a good compromise and is in line with students' input. Board Member Lezvow stated that the workgroup was realistic with the numbers. It was very helpful to hear from the presidents and student services leaders.

**It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Schwantes that the Wisconsin Technical College System per credit tuition rates for 2015-16, beginning with the fall semester, shall be as follows:**

<b>Postsecondary/Vocational Adult</b>	<b>\$128.40 per credit</b>
<b>Postsecondary/Vocational Adult non-resident addition</b>	<b>\$ 64.20 per credit</b>
<b>Collegiate Transfer</b>	<b>\$173.75 per credit</b>
<b>Collegiate Transfer non-resident addition</b>	<b>\$ 86.88 per credit</b>

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Board Member Schwantes, seconded by Board Member Tyler, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting recessed at 6:05 p.m.

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**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

Members Present: Phil Baranowski, Mary Cuene, Becky Levzow, Terrance McGowan, Drew Petersen, John Schwantes, S. Mark Tyler, José Vásquez, Sharon Wendt, Stephen Willett (by phone)

Members Absent: Stan Davis, Reggie Newson, Susan Schaumburg

System Office Staff Present: Kathleen Cullen, Morna Foy, Emily Gleason, Layla Merrifield, Nancy Merrill, Willa Panzer, Dan Scanlon, Sandra Schmit, Conor Smyth, Jim Zylstra

District/Others Present: Paul Gabriel, District Boards Association; Tom Eckert, Blackhawk Technical College; Bruce Barker, Chippewa Valley Technical College; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Jack Daniels, Madison Area Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Kenneth Urban, Nicolet Area Technical College; Carla Hedtke, Pamela Phillips, Sandy Ryczkowski, Jeff Rafn, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Duane Ford, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College; Kaylen Betzig, Waukesha County Area Technical College; Lee Rasch, Western Technical College; Kyle Schwarm, Joseph Dolzani

Board members toured the Student Success Center at 8:30 a.m.

Board President Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Emily Gleason read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

### **ITEM G: Consent Agenda**

Board President Petersen removed the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College district board appointment of Agnes Ring from the consent agenda. Board President Petersen offered the consent agenda items for Board discussion. Receiving no questions, he called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

**It was moved by Board Member Schwantes, seconded by Board Member Baranowski that the Board approve the program development, facilities requests and annual district board appointments as presented, with the exception of the district board appointment of Agnes Ring of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Board President Petersen called for a motion to approve the district board appointment of Agnes Ring.

**It was moved by Board Member Baranowski, seconded by Board Member Cuene that the Board approve the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College district board appointment of Agnes Ring as presented. Motion carried, Board Member Tyler abstained.**

#### **ITEM H: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Project Concept Review**

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon was joined by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College President Jeff Rafn to provide the Board with an overview of the project concept to construct additional facilities and remodel existing facilities at the Marinette, Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay campuses. Projects include new construction or facilities improvements for programming in Health Sciences, Trades and Engineering Technology, Welding and Fabrication, Public Safety, Transportation, Energy Education and Business Information. Funding for these projects will be by district borrowing authorized by the successful \$66,500,000 April 7, 2015, referendum.

**It was moved by Board Member Vásquez, seconded by Board Member McGowan, that the Board finds that the concept for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College’s proposed construction and remodeling of facilities at the Marinette, Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay campuses is reasonable. The final scope of the projects are subject to review and approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board as required by s. 38.04(10) Stats. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ITEM I: Strategic Directions**

WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Conor Smyth facilitated a Board discussion on the process for developing a new set of Strategic Directions, including the effective period for the Board’s next set of Directions, a draft timeline in developing them and a recommended process for gathering stakeholder input.

Mr. Smyth reported that Strategic Directions working group members Baranowski, Levzow and Willett held their first meeting in April, focusing on the WTCS mission and purpose. The Board discussed updating the vision statement to include language that reflects the rapid pace of change to which the System and colleges respond. The Board also discussed the effective period of the next set of Directions. Board members agreed that a 5-year duration is reasonable.

Board President Petersen asked Board Vice President Schwantes to preside over the meeting and departed at 10:05 a.m.

A panel of 2015 WTCS State Ambassadors engaged Board members sharing their technical college education experience. Panelists included Michelle Lomax, Blackhawk Technical College; Kayla Ebert, Moraine Park Technical College; Diana Archdale, Nicolet Area Technical College; and Katelyn Schiltz, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

**ITEM J: Legislative Update**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra was joined by WTCS Senior Policy Advisor Nancy Merrill and District Boards Association Executive Director Paul Gabriel to provide the Board with an update on the Biennial Budget and key legislative issues affecting the System, including the Joint Finance Committee's plan to support Wisconsin veterans with a \$500,000, one-time allocation for competitive grants to technical colleges for veteran services during the 2016-17 school year.

**ITEM K: Announcements/Adjourn**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on July 14-15, 2015, at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac.

**It was moved by Board Member McGowan, seconded by Board Member Baranowski, to adjourn the May 5-6, 2015, Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Gleason  
Recording Secretary